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Hyde School Seniors Fete Area Children

The senior class of Hyde School sponsored a party and Christmas dinner at the school Monday for 16 children from the Bath area. The idea for the event came from members of the class who were trying to find some way to express their concern for others, one of the cornerstones of the Hyde School philosophy. Members of the class contacted a local agency to help find children for the party; each student then became a "host" to one child.

The children arrived at the school in the afternoon and were entertained and given a tour of the school. At 5:30 they opened pres-

ents which were donated from the allowances of the eleven Hyde School seniors. They then sat down with the student body to a Christmas dinner of turkeys donated by T. Tarry Schulten of Woolwich, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and cooked by Hyde School chef, Glenda Daniels.

According to Headmaster Joseph W. Gauld, the new school has a philosophy that centers itself around the development of character and hopes to be known for excellence in 5 areas: courage, integrity, concern for others, curiosity and leadership. Since stu-

dents at the school are expected to take an active part in developing the school's program, they are responsible for finding expressions in each of the five areas, hence the idea for the Christmas dinner.

Gauld said the students find this responsibility difficult, but interesting and rewarding. "There is a desire among the students at Hyde to play some role in community life," said Senior Class President Paul Hurd. "The Senior class feels that this party at least will begin some fulfillment of the role, and we also hope that our ef-

forts will start a tradition which will be a credit to the school and the community."

"I couldn't be more pleased with the way that students have taken to the whole concept of the school," said Gauld. "While there are many examples of courage and the other four values, developing an education in these areas is difficult because of the lack of established programs to follow. The Christmas dinner idea is at least an indication that our students are trying to develop these qualities and we are frankly quite proud of their efforts."